



# NOT THE ANSWER

## IMPACTS OF OFFSHORE DRILLING

- Seismic testing blasts from oil and gas exploration stun and deafen marine life, and disrupt their communication, navigation, and life cycle patterns.
- Industrialization from oil and gas development destroys our beaches and coastlines, and pollutes our air and waterways with unhealthy emissions.
- Drilling rigs emit toxic drilling muds into the ocean, continuously polluting our oceans with heavy metals and petroleum derivatives; they also pollute the air and disturb the seafloor.
- Oil spills harm marine mammals, birds, fish, and other species for years to come.
- Tourism and recreation, which employ the majority of our “ocean economy” suffer as a result of pollution, loss of marine species, and environmental degradation.
- Recreational and commercial fishing operations suffer from catch losses and contamination.



## HOW TO TAKE ACTION

- Call or write your governor and federal representatives to express opposition.
- Help pass local government resolutions against offshore drilling.
- Submit letters or OpEds to your local newspaper to express your opposition.
- Start a business sign-on letter in your community against offshore drilling.
- Educate others through community events and social media.
- Conserve energy, buy locally, drive less, avoid plastics, and invest in green funds.

